

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently amended): A laminated film comprising:

a polarizing film ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising a first long polymer film and a dichroic substance, and having an MD direction and a TD direction; and

a retardation film ~~having a slow axis in the MD direction, which comprises a long polymer film~~ comprising a second long polymer film, and having an MD direction and TD direction,

wherein the MD direction of the polarizing film corresponds to the MD direction of the retardation film[[.]] ,

wherein the polarizing film has an absorption axis in the TD direction,

wherein the retardation film has a slow axis in the MD direction,

wherein the length in the MD direction of each of the polarizing film and the retardation film is not smaller than five times as long as the length in the TD direction of each of the polarizing film and retardation film, and

wherein the polarizing film is produced by stretching the first long polymer film in the TD direction and shrinking the first long polymer film in the MD direction.

9. (Original): The laminated film according to claim 8,
wherein the retardation film comprises a uniaxially stretched film.

10. (Original): The laminated film according to claim 8,
wherein the retardation film comprises an optically uniaxial layer comprising a liquid
crystal material.

11. (Original): The laminated film according to claim 8,
wherein the retardation film comprises a birefringent layer comprising a non-liquid
crystal material having a birefringence of not lower than 0.005.

12. (Original): The laminated film according to claim 8,
wherein the retardation film is a composite film comprising a birefringent layer
provided on a birefringent polymer film.

13. (Original): The laminated film according to claim 11 or 12,
wherein the birefringent layer comprises a solid polymer containing at least one
selected from: polyetherketone; polyamide; polyester; polyimide; polyamideimide; and
polyesterimide.

14. (Original): The laminated film according to claim 13,

wherein the birefringent layer is a solid polymer comprising polyimide.

15. (Original): The laminated film according to claim 11 or 12,

wherein the birefringent layer has a relationship

$n_x > n_y > n_z$,

wherein n_x is the maximum in-plane refractive index, n_y is an in-plane refractive index in a direction perpendicular to the direction of n_x , and n_z is a thicknesswise refractive index.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Original): A liquid crystal display comprising a laminated film according to claim 8 that is disposed outside of a liquid crystal cell.

18. (Withdrawn): A process for producing a polarizing film comprising:

unrolling a polymer film successively;

stretching the polymer film in the TD direction; and

dyeing the stretched film.

19. (Withdrawn): The process for producing a polarizing film according to claim 18;

wherein the stretching in the TD direction is carried out by a tenter stretching machine.